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Applicants : Ka-Yiu San et al.

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MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 16, 2008

Dear Sir

In response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows. The three-month deadline for responding to the Office Action is July 16, 2008; therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.